

The Diary* of C. Raja Raja Varma

1895

Tuesday: 1st January: 1895

I got up at 6 in the morning and having sipped a cup of coffee drove to the Esplanade [in Bombay] to see the parade but it was over before I got there. Had to return home. Received a letter from Janaki.² In the evening paid a visit to Mr Shivaji and delivered to him His Highness New Year's Gift of an Ivory Kistna [Krishna]. At 7 called on Mr Govardhan Das³ on business, but as he had an engagement had to make appointment for the next day.

Saturday: 5th January: 1895

At the request of Mr Griffiths,⁴ H.H. and we went to the J.J. Art School and he showed H.H. all the paintings and statues there and invited H.H. to visit the school when the students were at work. In the evening drove to the Victoria Garden where the Governor's Band was playing.

Saturday: 6th January: 1895

Messrs Kunjaraman Nair and Govind Pillai who had come to Bombay en-route for Benares were invited by H.H.⁶ for supper and they were very much pleased with H.H.'s kindness and hospitality. They said they were to leave Bombay the next day for Nasik.

Monday: 7th January: 1895

In the afternoon we got permission to go and see the P and O's Company's steamer 'Caledonia' one of the largest we have ever seen. The first class accommodations and furniture were splendid. One of the ship's officers showed us and explained every portion of it. On our return visited Messrs Thacker & Co. and a few other booksellers.

* No editorial changes, save any additions within square brackets, have been made.

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